

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 79-84.

Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment places the application in a condition for allowance (see reasons discussed below). Therefore, it is requested that this amendment be entered and allowed at this time.

Applicants will now address the Examiner's sole remaining rejection in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner continues to reject Claim 85 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Examiner states that the term "the electrically and thermally conductive layer" in Claim 85 has an insufficient antecedent basis.

As Applicants previously noted, Claim 85 was copied from Claim 10 of US 6,812,637 (Cok) in order to suggest an interference with the '637 patent. This term in Claim 85 of the present application was copied exactly from the term in Claim 10 of the '637 patent.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending Claim 85 to change the term "the electrically and thermally conductive layer" to "the thermally and electrically conductive material." There is a clear antecedent basis for the amended term in Claim 83 for which Claim 85 is dependent thereon.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the amended term is acceptable and not indefinite and overcomes the Examiner's rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Interference Suggestion

On October 28, 2005, Applicants filed an Interference Suggestion in the present application with regard to US 6,812,637. Pending Claims 79-85 in the present application are either identical or substantially similar to claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9 and 10 of the '637 patent.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully suggest the declaration of an interference between the present application and issued patent USP 6,812,637 (Cok), for at least the reasons explained in depth in the Interference Suggestion of October 28, 2005.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance.

It is respectfully requested that an interference be declared at this time between the present application and the '637 patent.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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